[English]

PROF. P. J. KURIEN: We have taken up with the Planning Commission with regard to creation of new Division and appointment of Joint Director. But due to financial constraints, it has not been accepted.

[Translation]

SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Mr. Speaker, sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the proposed Division would control the industrial units of the adjoining areas also?

[English]

PROF. P. J. KURIEN: I have already said, there is no new Division at all. However, there is a Master-plan for Delhi which takes care of the industrial development of the sub-urban areas and also try to see that polluting industries are not started here and whatever exists in this metropolitan area should be shifted outside the metropolitan city.

[Translation]

SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to how many new industrial units have been opened under the existing planning cell. Along with this, I would also like to know as to what measures have been taken by the cell to check the pollution created by these industrial units?

[English]

PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Sir, actually the Planning Cell does not open any new unit. the work of the Planning Cell is to coordinate and see that there is no congestion in the city of Delhi. As on to-day, we have 85,000 industries in Delhi. But only 22,000 of them are registered, However, we are trying to shift these unregistered units outside the city. Planning Commission is not opening any new units.

[Translation]

SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the reply it has been stated that a cell is functioning under the Department of Industry, but this cell can only work effectively if the Government has the willpower to promote the industrial sector. Is it a fact that the present government does not want to develop industries in Delhi? That is the reason that the government has curtailed the plan expenditure of department of industry by 40 percent during the current financial year of 1992-93 as compared to the last year of 1991-92. I would like to know the intentions of the Government in this regard.

[English]

PROF. P. J. KURIEN: It is not the intention of the Government that industries should be wound up in Delhi or anywhere. The question which the hon. Member asked is about Delhi. Delhi is the national capital and it is the pride of the country. We should not allow Delhi to be congested. Delhi should not be polluted. I hope you will agree with me. There should not be over-congestion in Delhi. Therefore, the effort of the Industries Department is to see that there is no over-congestion in Delhi and also polluting industries are not coming to Delhi. Even if there are some polluting industries, we want them to go out of Delhi.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Low Cost Building Technology

*211. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar on the cost-effective building technologies was held recently under the aegis of the UN Centre for Human Settlements;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to popularise the low cost building technologies?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) to (c). A Expert Group Meeting was convened at Madras from 4 - 7th February, 1992 by UN Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) (HABITAT), Nairobi to discuss the outline of the Theme Paper on 'Apropriate, Intermediate, Cost-effective building materials, technologies and transfer mechanisms for Housing Delivery' to be prepared by UNCHS for consideration at 14th Session of the Commission to be held in 1993. No. recommendations of this meeting have received by the Government.

Rural Development through Youth Organisations

*212. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering channelising some percentage of funds for rural development through various youth organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

House Building Advance

*213. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the House Building Advance to Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

[*Translation*]

Development of small and Cottage Industries

*214. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding the adverse effect on the development of small and cottage industries due to the entry of multinationals in this field;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.